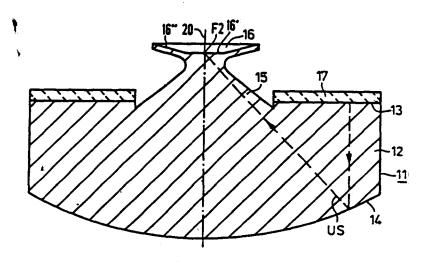
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United States Patent [19] 4,888,516 Patent Number: [11] Dec. 19, 1989 Daeges et al. [45] Date of Patent: [54] PIEZOELECTRICALLY EXCITABLE FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS RESONANCE SYSTEM 0019210 7/1980 European Pat. Off. 310/335 [75] Inventors: Johannes Daeges, Lichtenfels; Klaus 1425897 10/1964 Fed. Rep. of Germany 310/323 Van Der Linden, Kronach, both of 2557958 6/1977 Fed. Rep. of Germany 310/323 3616713 5/1986 Fed. Rep. of Germany . Fed. Rep. of Germany 434623 11/1974 U.S.S.R. ... Siemens Aktiengesellschaft, Berlin & Assignee: Primary Examiner-Mark O. Budd Munich, Fed. Rep. of Germany Attorney, Agent, or Firm-Kenyon & Kenyon **ABSTRACT** [21] Appl. No.: 222,266 For generating liquid droplets which may pass into the [22] Filed: Jul. 21, 1988 lungs of a person, a resonance system is used which contains a rotation-symmetrical metal body with a discshaped base plate, a working plate, a neck connecting [30] Foreign Application Priority Data the working plate to the base plate as well as a piezoce-Jul. 22, 1987 [DE] Fed. Rep. of Germany 3724629 ramic vibrator. The vibrator is coupled to the plane base surface which extends perpendicularly to the sym-..... H01L 41/08 metry axis of the metal body. The base plate is also 310/323; 239/102.2; [52] U.S. Cl. provided with a parabolic reflector surface. The center 310/335 of the working plate is in the vicinity of the reflector [58] Field of Search 310/321-323, focal point, optionally mirrored with respect to the base 310/325, 328, 335, 336, 337, 369; 239/102.1, area of the base plate, of the parabolic reflector surface. 102.2; 134/1 In this design, ultrasound waves excited by the vibrator are focused into the region of the working plate, [56] References Cited thereby atomizing a liquid which is held by the working U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS plate.



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